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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yasushi Maruyama

Application No.: 10/527,743

Art Unit: 2811

Confirmation No.: 9126

Filed: March 14, 2005

For: SOLID STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED JANUARY 18, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On February 7, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office sent a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) with respect to the above-identified application indicating that Applicants had failed to properly identify the drawings. The Notice of Non-Compliant is improper and erroneous since the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 18, 2006 did not request any drawing amendments (a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner). Since the Notice of Non-Compliant is improper and erroneous, it is respectfully requested that the above Notice be withdrawn.

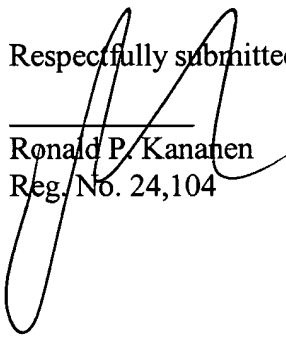
In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Notice of Non-Compliant be withdrawn.

No fees are believed to be required. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of the changes which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.